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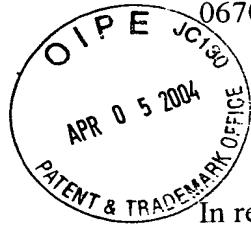
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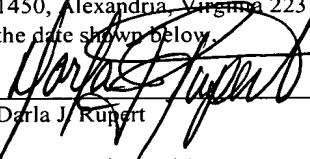
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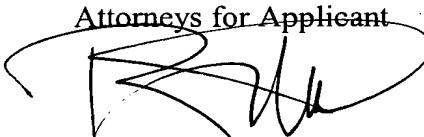
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On March 26, 2004, a Supplemental Notice of Allowability was mailed to Applicant enclosing a copy of the PTO 1449 form initialed by the Examiner for references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed December 17, 2003. According to the Examiner, a copy of Reference No. J on page 2 was not provided by Applicant. Applicant maintains that the reference was included with the package. However, in order to have a complete record, Applicant is resubmitting a copy of the reference to be put in the file.

Respectfully submitted,

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